

**RECEIVED VIA EMAIL - June 17, 2021**

To: Council members

RE: DISABILITY RAMP ACCESS ON EAST SIDE OF BRUCE STREET BY THE PARKETTE.

I am writing to this council again about the blocking of the disability ramp on the Bruce Street. I was dismayed to see staff yet again putting up barriers on the street blocking the ramp and putting 4 chairs on the road surrounded by orange barriers.

I completely, do not understand, why it is necessary to sit on the street and drink coffee or eat a snack or people watch. This is a main County road through town with lots of traffic. The TBM has lots of spaces in beautiful surroundings to do these activities. In fact there is a parkette right there with benches.

Most, importantly, this now barricaded area blocks the disability ramp which allows for a more easy access to the sidewalk for those in a wheelchair or a walker or those who have difficulty walking. Why do four people sitting in chairs take priority over the ability for others to access the sidewalk.

This ramp is located directly behind the handicap parking spot. Anyone who has had to load and unload a wheelchair or walker knows the difficulty and need for space. This ramp area allows a vehicle to unload get the individual onto the sidewalk and then pull into the handicap parking if available. The same is possible when it is time to leave.

Please reconsider the placement of these chairs and barriers perhaps on the eastern section of the parkette near the parking lot.

I would hope for a response but my letter last year on the subject took months long after the barriers were removed. In fact I had been told I would never receive a reply as the BIA could not agree how to reply.

In the end after questioning when a response would be forthcoming it was staff who replied missing the point all together.

A very concerned citizen on the safety and well being of others in this community.

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